Openining of More Border Trade Points in North East

1521. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to open up more border trade points (markets) with countries neighbouring the North East to get a commercial boost; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the steps initiated to boost border trade with neighbouring countries of the North East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) It is the endeavour of the Government to improve border trade by opening more border trading points wherever feasible. Since additional border trading points can be opened and operationalized only in consultation with the concerned neighbouring countries, such issues are generally decided in the bilateral consultations held with the neighbouring countries from time to time.

Fresh Enquiry into HDW deal

†1522. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new revelations as well as certain new facts have recently come into light in the controvercial deal made for HDW, Submarine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that any such micro-audio cassette regarding this deal is available with Government, in which confidential conversations of several prominent people have been taped;

(c) if so, whether in the light of this new revelation, Government would refer this case to CBI to start investigations afresh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No,

Sir. (c) and (d) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.